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2. ☒ Specification  
48 page(s) of specification; 5 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract
3. ☒ Drawings  
Formal Figure(s) 1-21 on 18 sheet(s)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration  
☒ Newly executed  
☐ Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications)  
☐ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:  
  
☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached to this application.

5. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  
☐ Computer Readable copy  
☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
8. ☒ Assignment Papers
9. Power of Attorney  
☒ Is attached.  
☐ The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.  
☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
11. Amendments  
☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.  
☐ Cancel in this application claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.  
☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: \_\_\_\_\_.
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
13. Small Entity Status  
☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.  
☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior non-provisional application and such status is still proper and desired.  
☐ Is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d)
15. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
16. ☐ Other: Request and Certification

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